

Today there's another opportunity to donate **Harvest** gifts - as in previous years we are supporting Turning Tides homeless project in Worthing and the Littlehampton Food Bank, and people have been very generous so far - thank you!

Families at 3 is a new monthly service for children & their families on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm. The next one this afternoon & the theme will be Harvest.

Starting from 6 October (this Tuesday) we're going to trial a **weekly Tuesday evening Mass** at 7pm. We'll give it a couple of months and then review at the end of November. Again we're trying to provide more mass-points during the week to spread the load from Sundays. This means that from October service patterns will be: Morning Prayer at 8.45am weekdays; masses on Tues 7pm; Thrs 10am; Sun 8am & 10am.

DIARY DATE: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (**APCM**) will be at 12noon on Sun **18 Octobe**r here in St Mary's church. There are NINE vacancies to be filled on the PCC!

Those standing down are: Sue Baldock; Gill Quigley; Mary Jeavons; Colin Crane; Lynne Brunton; Gill Mauderne (who died earlier this month); plus two extra vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives; and one vacancy which wasn't filled last APCM.

Also the Electoral Roll is being revised - so now is a great time to join if you haven't already! See Brian Cooke (or one of the clergy) for details. The

**Trustees Annual Report** is available as part of the weekly mailing; or via e mail (ask one of the clergy); or on the church website; or as a hard copy if you don't have internet access. This document forms the basis of the APCM and contains the Accounts.

## Rev Emma's ordination to the priesthood has

been re-scheduled in the light of the on going COVID-19 restrictions. She will now be ordained here at St Mary's in the middle of October. Sadly numbers have to be limited to 25 guests, so this won't be an open invitation. HOWEVER we are hoping to livestream the service via the Facebook page (as we do on Sun mornings), so you can join us remotely - more details to follow. Rev Emma will celebrate the

## The Parish of East Preston with Kingston St Mary the Virgin NOTICE SHEET



Eucharist for the first time on Monday 12 October at 7pm - this, like other masses, will be first come, first served! BUT don't worry if you miss the first one - she will be plenty busy from now on!!

If you want **FoSM Christmas Cards**, you can request them by phone (01903 412961), e mail (friendsofstmarysEP@gmail.com) or ask the clergy at the end of a service. £5 per pack of 10.

Thanks to all who helped at yesterdays' church cleaning party. The next one will be on **Sat 7 November**. The Rules are simple: we start at 10am, we finish at 11am - but sadly under current restrictions we'll have to eat our own donuts and drink our own coffee! All welcome - further details from Claire Hind.

**Please remember in your prayers those in special need especially:** Gordon; Janet; Anne Langley; Brenda Jones; June Kirkham; Mavis Cooke; Sue Ralph; Lucy Parkes; John Quigley.

**We remember those who've died recently:** Vivienne; Ron; Nigel Gane; Gill Mauderne; Ken Bennett; Laura Heath-Alwright.

and those whose anniversary falls this coming week: Elsie Medhurst; Dorothy Hulse; Arthur Seddon; Harry Claridge; Joan Alexander.

**Next Sunday's readings** (11 October: Trinity 18, OT week 28, Track 2): Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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